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1. [ ] the construction of a highway between Urumchi (87-35, 43-48) and Karashar (86-33, 42-04) was begun simultaneously from both ends. The highway which is 280 kilometers long is being constructed by the 1 Army of the 1 Army Group and assisted by the Engineering Corps of the Sinkiang Communications Department. The highway is expected to be completed [ ] and will be opened for traffic [ ] 25X1
2. The highway begins at Urumchi and proceeds directly southward, entering the front pass at the entrance of T'ien Shan. It goes through a pass 2,080 meters above sea-level, along Chierhtekou (0679/3643/1779/3297), to Shuitapan (3044/6671/2647). It then mounts a ridge of 3,880 meters, passes through Wulassut'ai (86-54, 43-00), leaves Tien Shan, and reaches Hochingsien (0735/7231/4905). At Hochingsien, the highway divides into two branches, one leading to Karashar and the other to T'iehmenkuan (6993/7024/7070) where it joins the existing highway to south Sinkiang. 25X1
3. The benefits of this highway include:
  - a. Shortening the distance from Urumchi to southern Sinkiang; this route is 200 kilometers shorter than the existing route through Turfan (89-04, 42-57).
  - b. Making daylight travel practicable; the heat of the Turfan Basin in the summer makes daylight travel impossible.
  - c. Making possible the construction of a highway westward from the T'ien Shan ridge via Hsinyuan (2450/3293) to Ili (80-51, 44-03); this would shorten the distance between Urumchi and Ili, and would also make direct travel between Ili and southern Sinkiang possible. 25X1

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Comment. The Peoples' Liberation Army Bulletin states that the new highway from Urumchi to Karashar via T'ien-shan will be completed and opened to traffic

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